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SUBJECT: ENERGY: WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND EC RELATIONS  
WITH ARAB OIL PRODUCERS

REF: (A) STATE 19381; (B) STATE 19514; (C) ROME 1094

1. ON JANUARY 30 AND 31 WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REF-  
TELS (A) AND (B) TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH.  
REGARDING REFTTEL (A), WURTH SAID THAT HE ACCEPTED U.S.  
REASONING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF VISIT BY A SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE SINCE CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE  
BILATERALLY IN CAPITALS. WHILE OFFERING TO BEGIN STUDY  
OF U.S. VIEWS ON THE AGENDA, SCENARIO AND REPRESENTATION

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ITEMS, WURTH SAID THAT THE GOL WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE

PROMISED FULLER STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS AND THE UNDERLYING ANALYSIS BEFORE RESPONDING TO OUR PROPOSALS.

2. REGARDING REFTEL (B) WURTH SAID THAT THE GOL WILL NOT AGREE TO ANY FIRM POLICIES ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE E.C. AND THE OIL PRODUCING STATES UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 14 E.C. COUNCIL MEETING AT THE EARLIEST. HE AGREED THAT GOL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY MOVE AT E.C. COUNCIL OR E.C. POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE OUTCOME OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY MEETING. WURTH CONFIRMED PROPOSAL (REPORTED IN REFTEL (C)) TO HAVE FRG OR FRENCH AMBASSADOR MAKE APPROACH ON BEHALF OF E.C. IN EACH ARAB LEAGUE CAPITAL, BUT HE INSISTED THAT NO ACTION OF THIS SORT HAD YET BEEN TAKEN. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF JOBERT'S RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS (WHICH WURTH DESCRIBED AS "RANTINGS OF A SPOILED CHILD") THE GOL FEARS THAT THE FRENCH MAY HAVE JUMPED THE GUN, AND GIVEN THE FALSE IMPRESSION TO THE ARABS THAT JOBERT WAS MANDATED BY THE E.C. TO SOUND OUT PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION.

3. WHEN WE MADE THE POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR ONGOING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WURTH OBSERVED THAT THE EUROPEANS, WHO WERE INCREASINGLY PARTIAL TO GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT OIL CONTRACTS, WOULD WANT TO KNOW IF THE USG COULD GUARANTY THAT THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES WOULD ALWAYS PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR BOTH THEIR EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN CUSTOMERS. WE RESPONDED THAT THE AMERICAN COMPANIES HAD LIVED UP TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN EUROPE, AND HAD HELPED TO MAINTAIN AN EVEN-HANDED DISTRIBUTION OF OIL WITHIN THE E.C. DESPITE ARAB PRESSURES. WURTH AGREED BUT REITERATED THAT IF THE E.C. WAS GOING TO SERIOUSLY STUDY EMERGENCY SHARING PROPOSALS IT WOULD WANT USG PERFORMANCE GUARANTIES BEHIND THE SUPPLY CONTRACTS SIGNED WITH AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES. FARKAS

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